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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0861

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SF, WA, PFOR
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: PENDING EXECUTION OF NDUVVU FILEMON NANGOLO

REF: CAPE TOWN 0850 AND 0856

1. DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE JUST CALLED (4:30 P.M.)
AT FONMIN BOTHA'S REQUEST TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT
AFTER MOST CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE AND CONSULTATION
WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER
HAD REACHED CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
STAY THE EXECUTION OF NANGOLO. FOURIE SAID THAT COURT
EVIDENCE SHOWED CLEARLY THAT NANGOLO MADE NO CLAIMS TO
SWAPO MEMBERSHIP DURING TRIAL SINCE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
LEFT ORGANIZATION AND THAT HIS ACTIONS WERE SIMPLY A
MATTER OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AND MURDER. CONSIDERING
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FACT THAT THE FULL JUDICIAL
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PROCEDURE HAD BEEN COMHZSDISWF#AND HOW PUBLIC OPINION
WOULD REACT TO ANY STAY OF EXECUTION, THE PRIME MINISTER
FELT HE COULD NOT INTERVENE.

2. I AGAIN REVIEWED WITH FOURIE, AS I HAD IN MY TWO
CONVERSATIONS WITH FONMIN BOTHA YESTERDAY, THE ADVERSE
POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH THE EXECUTION OF NANGOLO

COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE ON SEEKING A NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT.
FOURIE RESPONDED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TAKEN THESE
INTO CONSIDERATION IN REACHING HIS DECISION.

3. I ASKED FOURIE WHETHER DATE FOR EXECUTION HAD BEEN
SET. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT WOULD CHECK AND
ADVISE.

4. THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE URGENT FOR DEPARTMENT
TO GET OTHER CONTACT GROUP COUNTRIES TO INSTRUCT THEIR
AMBASSADORS TO APPEAL TO VORSTER TO STAY EXECUTION. BOWDLER

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